

If you've been wondering how to get a medical marijuana card, or what to do with your medical marijuana card, you're in the right place! We're pleased to break down the medical marijuana card basics for our Pipe Wipes customers, fans, and readers.

How To Get A Medical Marijuana Card

If your state allows for legal medical marijuana but not recreational marijuana use, you will probably need a medical marijuana card. The first step to acquiring this card is locating a qualified doctor that can evaluate you and determine if medical marijuana is an appropriate treatment for your condition/s. See our article [Best 420 Apps for Smokers](#) for links to apps such as WeedMaps and Leafly, which use your phone and GPS to locate doctors and dispensaries in your area.

What to Bring to Your Appointment

After you have made an appointment, you should gather any documentation of medical conditions, including injuries, diseases, illnesses, and psychological issues. You will also need your state driver's license or photo ID, and enough money to pay the fee. The appointment fee generally ranges from \$20 - \$100, and some doctors will only accept cash payments.

What to Expect at Your Appointment

After you check in, you will be given a medical history form to complete. This is where you will note any and all conditions you suffer from, current medications, allergies, and the like. Medical marijuana helps with literally hundreds (if not more!) of medical concerns, so don't be concerned if you find yourself checking lots of boxes. If you legitimately suffer from headaches, an eating disorder, insomnia, anxiety, and muscle pain, for example, be sure to check all of those boxes on the form. Be honest and thorough as you complete the required paperwork.

After you have completed the documentation, you will meet with a doctor to discuss your medical marijuana needs. Some doctors are available in person, while others may meet with you via Skype or teleconference. Some medical marijuana card doctors will not be present at all; if your paperwork justifies the use of medical marijuana, the receptionist or assistant will authorize it and save the documents for the doctor to review and sign at a later date. It is best to meet with a doctor in person if possible. The doctor will warn you of any potential dangerous drug interactions, and advise you on the healthiest ways to ingest medical marijuana.

Getting Your Medical Marijuana Card

Once the doctor has approved your medical marijuana prescription, you will be issued a card and/or certificate. Some state medical offices will provide you with a laminated card that identifies you as a medical marijuana patient. Others provide a card on normal paper, which you

can choose to laminate yourself. They will often give you two copies, so you can keep one at home and one in your wallet or car. Be sure to keep all of your documentation in a safe place so you can access it in case of legal or medical concerns. The cost of your medical marijuana card may be included with your appointment cost, or it may be separate. There is usually an option to get a license that is valid for six months, one year, or two years, with each option increasing in cost. You may need to check back in with a doctor at specified intervals, or just call or go online to renew your card once it expires.

What To Do With Your Medical Marijuana Card

Your medical marijuana card and prescription allow you access to legal dispensaries and delivery services in your area. Use the same apps noted above to find a dispensary near you. When you first call or visit a dispensary, they will need to verify that your card or certificate is valid. This is usually done by checking a website. They may make copies of your card and ID, or have you email images of both. Usually they only need to verify your card the first time you purchase, but they will have the expiration date on file. If your card has expired, you will not be able to purchase medical marijuana until it is renewed.

Visiting a Medical Marijuana Dispensary

A storefront dispensary usually has a waiting area, and a separate room where the marijuana is kept. People are usually only allowed to enter this room if they have a valid medical marijuana card. Employees called budtenders can advise you on indica versus sativa, edibles versus flower, and what strains may be helpful for your particular condition. They can also inform you about restrictions on how much you can purchase at one time, or in a given period. These laws vary by state, and the dispensary employees should be familiar with them. Once you have selected your items and paid, they will package the medical marijuana discretely and send you on your way.

Having Medical Marijuana Delivered

Some states allow for legal medical marijuana, but not a storefront to sell the product. This has led many dispensaries to offer delivery services. Yes, you can have marijuana delivered straight to your door! The dispensary may have their full menu online, so you can call and request exactly what you want them to bring. They will generally bring your medication in a plain bag, and take cash from you upon arrival. In these circumstances the delivery person generally does not enter your home. Other dispensaries will send someone to your home with a large selection of products. The delivery person will come inside and show you the various options available. You select what you want, and they take the rest back to the car with them. It is generally expected that you pay cash for your medical marijuana, and it is considerate to offer a tip of \$1-\$5 to the delivery person.

Medical Marijuana Card Tips

Your medical marijuana card will likely allow you to smoke or ingest marijuana as medical treatment in the privacy of your own home. It does not generally give you the right to use out in public or while driving, and you should not drive or operate heavy machinery while under the influence of medical marijuana. You may be authorized to grow your own medical marijuana, and there are often limits on how many plants you can have. You cannot share the use of your card with anyone else, and you should not purchase medical marijuana with the intention of sharing it or selling it to anyone else. You should also remember to #smokeclean when using medical marijuana! It is counter-intuitive to use marijuana medicinally, but in an unhealthy way. This means opting for vaporizers and vape pens (e-pens) when possible, and always cleaning your equipment (pipes, pens, bongs, vaporizers, etc.) with [Pipe Wipes pipe cleaner wipes](#). This will eliminate germs, buildup, and bacteria that can be unpleasant and even unhealthy. Follow these tips and you can successfully treat your medical conditions with medical marijuana acquired using your prescribed medical marijuana card!